



# Mattapan

## Community Health Center

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### **Mattapan Community Health Center Reaches Key Milestone In Capital Campaign for a New \$32 Million Building**

(Boston, MA) Mattapan Community Health Center (MCHC) is pleased to announce the first closing on a land acquisition that will bring a new 32 million dollar health facility to the heart of Boston's Mattapan neighborhood – one of the city's most under-served communities. With the completion of the agreement, MCHC now owns six of the eight parcels of land on Blue Hill Avenue where the new Center will stand. The remaining parcels are expected to close in August which will pave the way for a groundbreaking scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Despite the recession, MCHC has managed to raise \$30 million of its \$32 million fundraising goal. Dr. Azzie Young, MCHC President and CEO, said, "We are a significantly closer to making the new Mattapan Community Health Center facility a reality. We look forward to breaking ground for the facility which - when open - will help us to do our current work better and serve our current and new patients more efficiently." And, the new building will bring additional jobs and services to the community beyond the expanded health care services of the new Center. MCHC is already Mattapan's largest employer.

#### **The Campaign for Mattapan Community Health Center**

Funding for the new MCHC facility has come from four sources: ARRA funds (already awarded), loans, New Markets Tax Credit Equity and philanthropy. Launched earlier this year, the campaign to generate philanthropic support for the new Mattapan Community Health Center facility has already borne significant fruit. To date, MCHC has raised more than \$9 million or 75 percent toward its philanthropic goal of \$12 million.

Key contributions have been secured from the Boston Medical Center, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Partners HealthCare, Greg E. Bulger, Richard Slifka, Children's Hospital Boston, Denise and Bill Finard, The Smith Family Foundation, State Street Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital .

#### **The Need**

The new facility is a response to the need for increased capacity enabling the Center to better serve Mattapan which has some of the most serious health problems in Boston. These include an HIV/AIDS mortality rate that is almost three times higher than that of Boston, rates of prostate cancer and sexually transmitted diseases more than twice that of



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Boston, an infant mortality rate that is twice that of Boston, and heart disease, diabetes mortality, and teen birth rates significantly higher as well.

The current facility is aging, worn and undersized and in need of replacement. The new Mattapan Community Health Center facility is designed to improve the quality of life for residents of Mattapan, Hyde Park, and surrounding communities by providing comprehensive, accessible, affordable, and culturally appropriate primary and preventive health care services.

### **More Capacity to Address Health Disparities**

The new spaces in the nearly 50,000 square foot building will allow MCHC to double the number of patients it serves and triple patient visits. In 2009, Mattapan Community Health Center served more than 7,000 people through 26,000 visits. For the first time the Center will provide mammography services on site. An expanded laboratory will allow MCHC to run more tests, more quickly. In addition, MCHC will use the new spaces to expand pediatric, adolescent, women's health and other adult programs.

### **A "Green" Facility**

The new development has been designed to achieve a LEED Silver rating and has applied to the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for certification. The design incorporates many green and sustainable features such as the use of recycled and regional materials, energy efficient HVAC and lighting systems and a green roof."

### **A Commitment to Quality**

MCHC is committed to its mission of improving the quality of life for residents of Mattapan and surrounding communities by providing comprehensive, accessible, affordable and culturally appropriate community health care services, including primary and preventive health services.

The Center has been recognized for its high quality, culturally appropriate health services and for its pioneering work in caring for patients with diabetes and vitamin D deficiencies.

For more details on The Campaign for Mattapan Community Health Center, call John Kelley at 617/898-9020 or log onto [MattapanCHC.org](http://MattapanCHC.org).

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Editors and reporters please note, a rendering of the new MCHC facility is attached. Tours of the current facility and/or the nearby parcel to be developed are available upon request.